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SUBJECT: VISIT BY SECRETARY SIMON REVISED SCHEDULE

REF: ROME 2868, ROME 2912

1. APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FOR REVISED SCHEDULE CONTAINED IN REFTEL. SECRETARY SIMON WILL TAKE AMBASSADOR'S ADVICE WITH RESPECT TO SCHEDULE, AND WITH THE FOLLOWING MINOR SUGGESTIONS LOOKS LIKE GOOD PROGRAM. UNLESS NOTED BELOW THE SCHEDULE IS SATISFACTORY.

2. MARCH 7. ARRIVAL TIME NOW PLANNED FOR 1515 LOCAL TIME. WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE AVAILABLE LIST OF CATHOLIC CHURCHES WHERE SECRETARY AND MRS. SIMON MIGHT ATTEND EVENING MASS.

3. MARCH 8. SUGGEST ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL BRIEFING AT 0830 TO UPDATE SECRETARY ON LATEST DEVELOPMENTS. CAN
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LUNCH HOSTED BY MINISTER COLOMBO BE TIMED TO BE BACK TO
BACK WITH COLOMBO MEETING IN AFTERNOON? WHERE WILL LUNCH
BE HELD?

4. MARCH 9. HAS APPOINTMENT WITH PRIME MINISTER MORO BEEN
CONFIRMED? IF SO AT WHAT TIME?

WITH RESPECT TO WILLIAM SEIDMAN, HE WOULD PLAN TO
PARTICIPATE WITH SECRETARY SIMON IN MEETINGS SUGGESTED
AND WOULD BE AGREEABLE TO MEETING IN AFTERNOON OF MARCH 9
WITH ECONOMIC GROUP AS SUGGESTED.

5. MARCH 10. SECRETARY WOULD ALSO LIKE TO HAVE COFFEE
AND DONUTS WITH SMALL GROUP OF U.S. CORRESPONDENTS IN
ROME, WHO WOULD ALSO BE INVITED TO FULL PRESS CONFERENCE.
PLEASE INVITE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS TO SESSION, IT WILL
BE ON THE RECORD AND CAMERAS ARE WELCOME.

BARRIE DUSMORE - ABC JACK DAYTON - UPI
DAVID BURRINGTON - NBC RICHARD JANSSEN - DOW JONES
WINSTON BURDETT - CBS ALVIN SCHUSTER - NEW YORK TIMES
DENNIS F. REDMONT - AP CHRISTOPHER MATTHEWS - REUTERS

NOTE: JANSSEN LOCATED IN LONDON.

SCHEDULE WOULD BE AS FOLLOWS:

0900 - U.S. PRESS
1000 - ITALIAN FINANCIAL JOURNALISTS
1100 - FULL PRESS CONFERENCE

6. BLACK TIES: SECRETARY DOES NOT REPEAT NOT PLAN TO
PACK FOR BLACK TIE AFFAIRS.

7. TRANSIT VISITORS: ASSISTANT SECRETARY PARSKY PLUS
REED, HORMATZ, MUNK, CLEARY, BILLER, AND HOSTLER PLAN
TO OVERNIGHT ROME MARCH 7 AND DEPART FOR WASHINGTON AT
0815 ON TWA 891. WOULD APPRECIATE TRANSPORT AND
ASSISTANCE FOR DEPARTURE FROM AIRPORT.

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9. PLEASE PROVIDE DRIVING TIMES BETWEEN VARIOUS SITES
ON SECRETARY'S OFFICIAL ITINERARY. INGERSOLL

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